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FOR COVEY AND FUNSETH FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TWO MEDIA ITEMS

1. YOU AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SOME TIME AGO TO DO AN INTERVIEW FOR TOM BRADEN WITH THE CANADIAN RADIO. HE NOW HOPES TO DO IT MONDAY, DECEMBER 6. IT WOULD BE BROADCAST LIVE, AND WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 30 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME AT 11 P.M. REPEAT P.M. (FOLLOWING ANDREOTTI DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE).

2. YOU ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO APPEAR ON DAVID EATON'S LATE-NIGHT TALK SHOW ON A LOCAL RADIO STATION ON DECEMBER 12 OR 19. YOU WILL RECALL THAT EATON IS THE BLACK CLERGYMAN WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN YOUR TWO MEETINGS WITH THE BLACK LEADERS.

3. AT YOUR INSTRUCTION S/PRS HAS NOW TURNED DOWN SOME TWO DOZEN REQUESTS FOR LIVE INTERVIEWS. NOT ONLY DO I BELIEVE THAT THE NON-INTERVIEW APPROACH IS THE WISEST ONE, BUT YOUR APPEARING WITH EITHER BRADEN OR EATON WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF REOPENING THE
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REQUESTS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN. I WONDER,

IN VIEW OF THIS, WHETHER YOU WOULD WANT ME TO (A) CALL
BRADEN AND EXPLAIN THAT WHILE YOU HAD AGREED TO THE INTER-
VIEW BEFORE THE ELECTION, IN VIEW OF EVENTS YOU HAVE

DECIDED TO TURN DOWN ALL REQUESTS FOR LIVE INTERVIEWS;
AND (B) TELL EATON THAT YOU DO NOT SEE HOW YOU CAN DO HIS
SHOW BETWEEN NOW AND JANUARY 20, BUT WILL CONSIDER
APPEARING AFTER YOU LEAVE OFFICE.

4. LARRY CONCURS WITH THE FOREGOING, AND SUGGESTS THAT
IF YOU DO WANT TO GO AHEAD WITH BRADEN, YOU AUTHORIZE
US TO TELL HIM IT SIMPLY CANNOT BE SCHEDULED BEFORE
YOUR EUROPEAN TRIP. WE WOULD THEN ATTEMPT TO WORK
SOMETHING OUT LATER IN THE MONTH. ROBINSON

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